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METHOD FOR THE SAME AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING  
CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE SAME

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application No. 2000-92401, published March 31, 2000.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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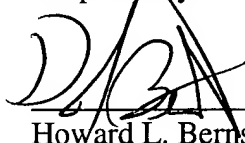
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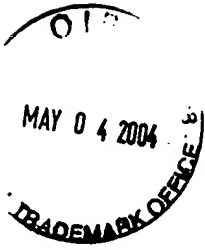
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- Claims: 1-3, 5-7 and 9
- Cited Literature: 1
- Remarks: Cited Literature 1 (in particular Figure 5 and its explanation) describes the display of an icon that corresponds to a search key.

(Reason 2) The scope of patent claims of the present application does not fulfill the requirements of Article 36, Paragraph 6, Item 2 of the Patent Law in the following respects.

Note

In Claims 1, 5 and 9, the meaning of the description “the search results are displayed by means of display information made to correspond with the search conditions” is unclear, and it is uncertain how the search results are displayed (according to the detailed description of the invention, the search results are not displayed immediately).

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-092401

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Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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